#### Job 7: 1-4, 6-7, 1 Corinthians 9: 16-19, 22-23, Mark 1: 29-39

FOCUS: The duties of Christian life can bring us hope and meaning.

Each day people get up and go to work, Each day students make their way to class. Each day parents rise to care for their children amidst numerous responsibilities. Each day, monks and nuns wake to pray and work as they give their lives in service to the Lord. These are patterns of life which are repeated around the world.

What is it that drives us to enter these work patterns of daily life even when life id different? We may be driven by a sense of duty to a task or mission which we have undertaken. We may be propelled by our hope that by fulfilling our responsibilities our lives and the lives of others will be enriched. Fulfilling our duties may give us a sense of accomplishment and meaning. This duty can become so much a part of our existence that life seems empty without it.

When we embrace our Christian life through faith it brings the responsibilities of discipleship into our lives. Discipleship is not just a matter of believing, it is a matter of living out the commands of Jesus. Jesus calls us to be holy. He calls us to be charitable and merciful, and to share the Gospel with others. He calls us to be instruments of truth, justice, and peace in our every day world. These are the virtues of a Christian life which must permeate our hours at work, school, and home.

What is it that drives us to live out the commands of Christ each day? It is the same quality which propels us to fulfill our responsibilities in secular life. As Christians, we assume a duty to Jesus Christ, and he has entrusted us with a mission. As Christians, we choose to live the life of Christ day in and day out, moved by the hope that following Christ will make the world a holy place and bring us to salvation. We desire to end each day with a sense of peace and fulfillment that we have done all that the Lord has asked us to do in the events that were a part of that day.

This sense of duty and hope was a significant part of the lives of the holy men and women who proceeded us in faith. It was certainly a part of the life of Paul.. In his first Letter to the Corinthians we hear the depth of his conviction to preach the Gospel. He is compelled by his sense of duty to Christ to proclaim the Good News. He is driven by the hope that his mission will bring salvation to others and blessings upon his own soul. He makes it clear that he will have no peace in his life unless he is faithful to this work

entrusted to him. This is the depth of conviction which was with Paul until the day of his martyrdom.

Paul's deep conviction echoes that of Jesus. In today's Gospel Jesus spends time in prayer, in preaching, teaching, and curing the sick.. How was Jesus able to do so much? He was driven by a sense of duty to His mission-to save souls, and to fulfill His Father's plan. Jesus knew what he had come to do and he did not rest until it was accomplished.

Jesus not only gives us our mission, he is our example of dedication and fidelity to the task which is entrusted to us. As we listen to the Scriptures today we find encouragement to do what the Lord asks us to do. It is not easy when the patterns of daily life become a drudgery. It is not easy when people around us are mean or demanding or unjust of unkind. It is not easy when we seem to walk alone with a heavy cross. It is precisely at these times that our fidelity to Christ shines brightest and the truth of our commitment to Christ is most evident.

As we begin the duties of each day, let us stop and remember that we share in the mission of Jesus Christ, not as a command of the Church, but as a command of Christ. To live out the teachings of Jesus is not an optional life style for a disciple of Christ-it is our duty-it is our hope for salvation-it is our source of true peace.

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#### RECONCILIATION, ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND BENEDICTION:

Wednesdays 1820-1930 MHT Chapel

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#### **BAPTISMAL CLASS:**

FEB. 24, 2003 @ 1900, MHT Parish Rectory. POC Father Burns @ 938-8760

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#### Natural Family Planning

Will be taught by the Couple to Couple League at a series of 4 monthly classes, beginning 22 Feb, following the 1715 Mass in the rectory. The method taught, the Sympto-Thermal Method, is safe and effective; a far cry from calendar rhythm. For more information and registration, please contact. Tom or Patty Strunck @ 446-6789 /struncktf @vahoo.com

#### SCRIPTURE FOR WEEK OF Feb 9, 2003

Mon – Genesis 1: 1-19. Mark 6: 53-56

Saint Scholastica

Tue - Genesis1: 20—2:4a, Mark 7: 1-13

Our Lady of Lourdes

Wed – Genesis 2: 4b-9, 15-17, Mark 7: 14-23

Thurs- Genesis 2: 18-25, Mark 7:24-30

Fri – Genesis 3: 1-8, Mark 7: 31-37

Saint Cyril

Sat – Genesis 3: 9-24, Mark 8:1-10 Blessed Virgin Mary

#### ANNOUNCED MASSES

Sat 8 Feb 1715 Boris Kirsanoff

Sun 9 Feb 0900 Parishioners of MHT

Sun 9 Feb 1100 James O'Neil

Mon 10 Feb 1205

Tue 11 Feb 1205

Wed 12 Feb 1205 Duane Mullinix

Thurs 13 Feb 1205 Phillip Rossano Jr.

14 Feb 1205 Vera Archuleta

#### **Attendance and Offering Last Weekend:**

Attendance 715 Offering \$2,122.35

The next Designated Offering: March 8/9 will be for the "Military Archdiocese"

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#### **HOST FAMILY FOR Feb 15-16**

1715 Picciuto

0900 Vollmer/Wollschlager

1100 Vetter

#### LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS Feb 15–16

1715 M. Naessens, L. Betros, Cadet

0900 F. Biskup, B. Moretti, Cadet
1100 M. Torres, C. Larson, K. Heppes, T. Povich, Cadet, Cadet, Cadet

#### **USHERS FOR Feb 15-16**

**1715** Pat Kane

**0900** Austin Commons

1100 Alicia & Karina Wigger

#### **ALTAR SERVERS Feb 15-16**

1715 Andrea Glen, Katelyn Leszcynski,

Emily Leszcynski

0900 Cadet Joseph Tomasello, Cadet Rugarber

1100 Juliette Zimmerman, Aaron Kilner, Sean Kilner

#### **PROCLAIMERS FOR Feb 15-16**

1715 Hai Eastman / Eric Verzola

**0900** David Knellinger / Nicole Miller

1100 Maria Flores / Jackie Whiteside

## *I have a question.* Whom do I call? <u>Pastoral Coordinator</u>...Kate Hayden 938-

Chaplain's Assistant... SGT M. Ong 938-721

Parish registration, Calendars, Bulletin, Maintenance, Room Scheduling, Purchase Orders, Mass Cards, Fund Requests.

<u>Director Rel-Ed</u>... Kay Heppes... 938-8761 Faith Formation, Rel. Education of Children & Adults, RCIA.

Wedding Coordinator....Lorraine Finn...932-2784
Wedding information, scheduling, paperwork,
Pre-Cana/Engaged Encounter information.

<u>Director of Music</u>.... Meredith Baker...938-3544 Adult, Children's and Cadet Choir, Wedding Music, Liturgical Music.

<u>Pastor</u>.... Fr. Vince Burns...938-3721 Reconciliation, Baptism, Anointing of the Sick, Pastoral and Sacramental Concerns.

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## The Origins of St. Valentine's Day

Although the mid-February holiday celebrating love and lovers remains wildly popular, the confusion over its origins led the Catholic Church, in 1969, to drop St. Valentine's Day from the Roman calendar of official, worldwide Catholic feasts. (Those highly sought-after days are reserved for saints with more clear historical record. After all, the saints are real individuals for us to imitate.) Some parishes, however, observe the feast of St. Valentine.

The roots of St. Valentine's Day lie in the ancient Roman festival of Lupercalia, which was celebrated on Feb. 15. For 800 years the Romans had dedicated this day to the god Lupercus. On Lupercalia, a young man would draw the name of a young woman in a lottery and would then keep the woman companion for the year.

Pope Gelasius I was, understandably, less than thrilled with this custom. So he changed the lottery to have both young men and women draw the names of saints whom they would then emulate for the year (a change that no doubt disappointed a few young men). Instead of Lupercus, the patron of the feast became Valentine. For Roman men, the day continued to be an occasion to seek the affections of women, and it became a tradition to give out hardwritten messages of admiration that included Valentine's name.

There was also a conventional belief in Europe during the Middle Ages that birds chose their partners in the middle of February. Thus the day was dedicated to love, and people observed it by writing love letters and sending small gifts to their beloved. Legend has it that Charles, duke of Orleans, sent the first real Valentine card to his wife in 1415, when he was imprisoned in the Tower of London. (He, however, was not beheaded, and died a half-century later of old age.)

# HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS: GOD'S TYM (Total Youth Ministries) POC Tanya Tolentino @ 424-3609

Feb. 9th God's TYM - There will be a Valentine Party for Senior Citizens at New Country Day Assisted Living Facility. Arrival Time: 6:30 pm. Please bring checkers, chess and cards.

God's TYM Midnight Run is March 14, 2003. We are asking for <u>NEW</u> men's briefs and undershirts (any size), men's <u>used</u> shoes, jeans, gloves and blankets. Items may be dropped off at Sacred Heart Rectory. Monetary donations are accepted

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### Marriage Renewal

Please join us on Saturday, February 15th, for our parish celebration of marriage. The POC for this is LTC & Mrs. Janet Larson, please call 446-5605 for additional information. Cost /\$30 a couple, payment due by 10 Feb, 03 Workshop 1300—1500, Callum Hall Mass MHT 1600 w/ renewal of vows Dinner– Reception @ Ike Hall 1830—1030 Child care provided 1230—1730

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If you can please bring non-perishable food items to Mass, these items are collected for the needy. Place in basket at the Altar during offering time.

#### PARISH CENSUS UPDATE

**WELCOME** to all new folks joining our parish & **FAREWELL** to all who are moving. Please help us keep our Census up-to-date by filling out this form: **Name** 

Address	
City & Zip	
Phone	
Please Check one:	
New registration	
Updated registration	
I am moving out of the are	
Please drop off in offering bas	sket at Mass or at Parish ofc.

## Religious Education Corner

#### **DATES TO MARK:**

16 February No religious Education23 February Confirmation Catechetical Session VII Cloister Rm. 1900-2030

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## Prayers for Michael Kwinn III.

Michael Kwinn, III, son of LTCs Brigitte and Michael Kwinn is fighting cancer. The Most Holy Trinity Parish family has secured a medal of Mary of the Miraculous Medal that was touched by Mother Teresa of the Missionaries of Charity in 1997. Michael and his family have been blessed with the medal and are wearing the two medals. We are asking members of the parish family to pray to God for Michael's healing through the intercession of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal and Mother Teresa whose is being considered for canonization to Sainthood. Please feel free to ask others.

Novena Prayer: O Immaculate Virgin Mary / Mother of Our Lord Jesus and our Mother, /Penetrated with the most lively confidence in your all-powerful and neverfailing intercession,/ manifested so often through the Miraculous Medal,/We your loving and trustful children implore you to obtain for us the graces and favors we ask during this novena, / if they be beneficial to our immortal souls, and the souls for whom we pray./

(Healing of Michael Kwinn III)

You know, O Mary, how often our souls have been the sanctuaries of your Son who hates iniquity. / Obtain for us then a deep hatred of sin and that purity of heart which will attach us to God alone so that our every thought, word and deed may tend to His greater glory. / Obtain for us also a spirit of prayer and self-denial that we may

recover by penance what we have lost by sin and at length attain to that blessed abode where you are the Queen of angels and of men. Amen

Jesus, we humbly ask you to glorify in heaven and on earth, the servant of God, Mother Teresa of Calcutta, who generously participated in Your sufferings, who loved Thee so much and labored for the glory of your heavenly Father and for the good of souls.

With confidence, we beseech thee to grant us, through her intercession the grace of ... (Healing of Michael Kwinn III) which we ardently desire.

**Pray:** Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. Amen (3 times)

(Format borrowed from Prayer for Intercession of Padre Pio)